

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to a U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/631,463 filed on August 3, 2000. It is submitted that no new matter has been added by the way of this amendment. Accordingly, an early and favorable office action is hereby earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 7 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

This application claims the benefit of the U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/186,567 filed on March 2, 2000, ~~and entitled SURFACE REACTION STIMULATOR.~~ U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/160,531 filed on October 20, 1999, U.S. Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/117,919 filed on January 25, 2000, and U.S. Patent Application No.: 09/589,669 filed on June 7, 2000, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/304,979 filed on May 4, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,114,620.